

THE NEUTRALITY OF SHANGHAI

ment to drinking, or to persuade them to
quit for good. There can be no doubt
the indigenous and exogenic from which
it arises and prevents invariably suffer is
due to immoderate tea consumption. In
work rooms and kitchens the teapot is in
constant requisition, and its effects, if less severe
than those of the beer-can are hardly less
injurious to the health.

A special list in nervous diseases says we should sleep nine hours at night and one in the daytime. We are inclined to think it right. Neither men nor women sleep as much as we are used to the demands of white civilization.

petition referred to in a review of the trial of C. Crowe and his mate and the startling set of what we can but term a lamentable case which but for the pluck, energy and untiring of a few British shipmasters would have ended in the complete triumph of the forecastle over the quarter-deck--and that, too, on board a British ship.)

and stewards and of the lower class, cooks, assistant stewards and similar inferior servants are paid £1 10s. This scale applies absolutely to the entire German coast. Two-fifths of the average amount fixed for able seamen (that is 15 marks) are to be added to the above sum as the money's worth of the board allowed on sea vessels.

the test—and use of this drug signifies to abuse, even with men of casual will power—has been in France disastrous to a dreadful degree. Many men of remarkable brilliancy have offered up their brains and their lives on the fivid altar of absinthe. Baudouin, who translated all Poe's works into French, had a terribly grotesque passion for the plantain green poison. In one

of his mad freaks his minor French poet actually painted his hair the same tint as the beverage that corroded his brain, possibly from an odd fancy to have the outside of his head correspond with or match the inside.

Alfred de Musset, who was the French Byron plus a tenderer, natter touch, also fell a victim to the drug after George Sand gave the final thrust to his fragmentary heart. A frightful hisoric pun occurred in this connection: Towards the end, when the great poet, growing more morose every day, hid from his old companions, and was missing from his favourite haunts, one man, not aware of his infirmity, exclaimed, "Why is it that our dear de Musset absents himself from us nowadays?" And a grim wit instantly answered, "For a woman's reason, my friend; he absents himself just because he is abstinently himself—'Il s'abstient parqu'il s'abstient.' What, then, is this dreadful drink composed of, and how is it made? The answer is easy enough, though the process to ensure perfection in the evil is not. Absinthe may be technically described as a re-distillation of alcoholic spirits (made originally from various aromatic plants, for instance, in which, to give it the first character, absinthium with other aromatic herbs and bitter roots are ground up, or macerated, to chemist lingo. The chief ingredient is the tops and leaves of the herb artemisia absinthium, or wormwood, which grows from 2ft. to 4ft. in great profusion under cultivation, and which contains a volatile oil, alcohol, and a yellow, crystalline, resinous compound, called absinthin, which is the bitter principle. The alcohol with which this and the essential oil of aromatic plants are mixed holds these volatile oils in solution. It is the precipitation of these oils in water that causes the thick clouding (l'oeur gras) when the absinthe is poured on the cracked ice; double emblems or warnings of the clouding and the cracking of your brain if you take it to steady. Thus every drink of the opaline liquid is an object lesson in chemistry that carries its own moral. Some bar-room Columbus, ambitious to outdo Dante and add another lower circle to the Inferno, recently invented or discovered the absinthe cocktail. A little white—poorer the better, a dash of bitters, a little sugar and plenty of ice, absinthe makes about the quickest and wickedest intoxicant in the world. It temporarily exhilarates the intellect at the expense of the moral nature. The continued use of absinthe gives rise to epileptic symptoms as an external expression of the internal disturbance of the brain and nerves. One large dose of the essence of the wormwood, indeed, has been noted as causing almost instantly epileptiform convulsions in animals. But the drug is not without its uses from a broad point of view. As the same implies, it is an anesthetic, or a pretty cure for certain kinds of animal life that sometimes infest the intestines of men, causing pain and death. This property was well known to the Greeks, who had a wine infused with wormwood called absinthia. In some parts of Germany wormwood is used in lieu of hops for the brewing of certain brands of beer, and it unquestionably has valuable tonic properties. Absinthe is made almost everywhere, except in the extreme tropics. The first effects of it are a profound serenity of temper and a slight heightening of the mental powers, coupled with bodily lustre. This is the general rule, but a famous physician once remarked of a dreadful disorder in his lecture-room, "gentlemen, the chief glory of the beautiful disease I am now explaining is the remarkable variety of its manifestations."

KEELEY CURE OR NO CURE.

That energetic little lady who is known in American journalistic circles as "Nellie Bly," and who it will be remembered visited Hong-kong some years back when on a race round the world, has been favoring the New York World with her views on the alleged Keely cure for dipsomaniacs, as follows:—

The Keely cure has been and is being taken by the rich and poor, the known and unknown. Men have declared themselves cured by it, and women have declared it a fraud. The few women that take it hold their peace. What they think and believe they don't say, because they don't want to be known as Keely patients.

I would not for the world cast discredit upon anything that would turn people from drink for even four weeks. But it is my honest conviction that the cure is no cure in itself, and that it is merely working upon the imagination, making men believe they are cured, that does the real good. As Barnum always said, the American public loves to be humbugged. If a man was told that if he came to the country for four weeks, away from temptation, where he got plain, wholesome food; pure, bracing air; plenty of rest, that he would gradually lose his desire for drink, and that if he abstained for four weeks and thereafter did not taste, touch or handle, he would have no desire to return to the stuff, he would say it was all nonsense. But make him take a dose of bitter stuff every two hours, jab him in the arm four times a day, tell him all the while you are giving him stuff that is taking away all desire for drink, and he will get to believe it. The fresh air, the sleep, makes him feel better; he credits it to the cure, and his faith grows stronger. If he wants a drink he is obliged with some of the Keely whiskey, which is a rank that he believes it is his taste—he does not like it as he used to.

Four weeks and Mr. Man is on a pretty good road to reformation. He believes he is cured. That is the great thing. So long as he believes that and does not taste he is all right, but if he ever tastes liquor again, while he may not like it as he did when he was soaked—or who likes drink in the beginning?—it will not be distant, and he will be to the Keely patient who tries to drink!

He will be worse than Lot's wife. She only became a pillar of salt, but he will become a tank.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

In order to fully comprehend the inestimable benefits of total abstinence to the human race, and the baleful effects of alcoholic stimulants, we have merely to look at the condition of the different nations of the civilized world. England, for instance, where all classes drink ale, porter and different kinds of imported wine, and where always has been the weakest and most effeminate nation on the face of the globe. Has she never been able to protect herself, much less been able to carry on a foreign war. For this reason England has never had, and never will have, any colonies or any commerce until the people quit drinking ale. Ale is what ails Britannia. It is to the same cause we may attribute England's lack of literature. No intellectual development can be expected of a people that do not totally abstain from everything in the nature of stimulating beverages.

Another country that is a frightful example of what wine and beer will do for people is Germany. Such intellectual and physical imbecilities as Bismarck and Moltke are the unmistakable products of too much beer. That the Germans are, and always have been, incapable of intellectual development is proved beyond contradiction by the lives of such mental pigmies as Humboldt, Goethe, Schiller, Kant, Hegel, Fro-

derick the Great and many other debilitated wrecks, who have arisen upon the shores of history owing to their refusal to totally abstain from even the moderate use of intoxicating beverages. Here in the United States we can see for ourselves what beer does for the Germans. It is all owing to their convivial habits that they are never able to read, write, or cipher, and are never found engaged in mercantile pursuits. As they never acquire any property, they never pay any taxes, and our gables and penitentiaries are filled almost exclusively by Germans and the descendants of Germans.

Certainly, no further proofs are needed to demonstrate that those nations that refuse to prohibit the use of intoxicating fluids are the most intelligent, and therefore the most powerful and prosperous. Look at the French. Prohibition is unknown in France. They are literally a nation of wine bibbers. The consequence is that they are dull, stupid, and cowardly. Who ever heard of a Frenchman being witty, or daring, or when they were almost crushed out of existence by the last war with Germany, have they utterly failed to recuperate, showing that wine had sapped the energies of what might have been a great people if they had only had the sagacity to be convivial on soda water and cold tea.

On the other hand, look at the great total abstainer of Europe, the Turk. He dictates his terms of peace to all Europe, including Russia. His finances are in such a flourishing condition that his paper commands a premium. What have not the Turks done for civilization and the arts and sciences? All great modern discoveries are made by the Turks. In Turkey every man, woman and child is educated. And although powerful, how gentle and tolerant these total abstainers are! There is not now, and never has been, a trace of fanaticism about them, and all owing to their strictly temperate habits.

These comparisons should satisfy any reasonable American citizen that if we wish to become a great nation like Turkey all we have to do is follow in the footsteps of the abstemious and water-drinking Turks.—*Texas Siftings.*

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

CULLED FROM MANY SOURCES.

Ostratation is the signal flag of hypocrisy. We punish ourselves when we hate other folks. Fortune does not change men, it unmasks them. The devil can catch a grumbler with a bare hook. A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.

The man who is scared at ghosts is afraid of nothing. Mr. Croker's headquarters are at present in the saddle. The man who loses is never accused of not playing fair.

Love many be blind, but the neighbours generally aren't. Herod's daughter was the first woman to get a head a man. The Congressman-at-large is a terror to the Sergeant-at-arms.

It sometimes costs more to keep up a big reputation than it is worth. There is always a best way of doing everything, if it be to boil an egg.

We always watch a man who groans a great deal about the sins of others. The people who have the most to eat are often the least thankful for it.

The man who succeeds as a hypocrite has to devote his whole time to it. Times are not getting better. Even the days are not as short as they were.

Every man has as much right to kill himself as he has to live a useless life. Mr. H.—Congratulations, old fellow; boy or girl? Mr. B. (sorrowfully)—Both!

It is out of fashion to say "I am a Democrat." It is much shorter to say "I am a Republican." If all the devils were cast out of some people they would look like walking skeletons.

Whatever protection there is in the Wilson bill is, we trust, entirely constitutional. The only objectionable feature about the violet is that so many people write poetry about it.

The crookedest man walks himself, the more he insists upon it that others shall go straight. It is astonishing how much amusement other people imagine that a man gets out of his work. This is the season of the year when the average man doesn't have to set a trap to catch a cold.

The man who goes to church with squeaky shoes goes to the right place. His sole needs attention. At some period in her life nearly every married woman has thought seriously of leaving her husband.

If all the money in the world were evenly distributed to-day, it would begin to change hands to-morrow. "My mother-in-law is here, Mr. Jones. Would you like to be introduced to her?" "No, thank you. They are all alike."

Every city official of Spring Hill, Kan., is a woman, and the only reason why the men don't take to the woods is that there are none. The New York W.C.T.U. has decided that "consent is as heinous to women as rum is to men." It is easy to get tight with either.

Customer—Are the strawberries as high as they were last week? Grocer—No, ma'am; the bottom of the box is a full eighth of an inch lower.

His Affinity—She—They say that persons of opposite qualities make the happiest marriages. He—That's why I'm looking for a girl with money.

"I praise so very much to speak you, Johnny," said his mother with deep feeling, "and I shall have to turn you over to your father. His hands are harder."

Current Sentiment—Even—Miss Fils—Very well, I shall use you for breach of promise. Jack Inabox—Go ahead; I shall use you for slander for saying I proposed to you.

A recent advertisement in a country newspaper reads thus: "For sale, a bull-terrier dog, two years old. Will eat anything; very fond of children. Apply at this office."

"I'm astonished at you fellows lynching a man who was seventy years old!" "It does seem hard, but confound 'em, when they're young they run so fast that we can't catch 'em."

"How shall we class the crime of wealth?" asked the Anarchist orator. "Suppose you call it a capital crime," said a man in the audience, and the suggestion was unanimously adopted.

An Iowa woman dumped her husband into a well, threw rocks in after him and then emptied a shotgun down the well. This sounds bad, but then you know what kind of husbands some Iowa men are.

The Marquis Van Dickens (at the sweetest ball in London)—Surely I have seen your beautiful face before, Miss Salomon! Miss Salomon—More likely. Pa used to call it a patent medicine ad. as "after taking."

Not Exactly—Teacher (after reading the excuse)—So your three days' absence from school was on account of your vaccination, was it, Dorrie? You must have had a pretty sore arm. Dorrie—No; but I—I—I had to walk on crutches.

Great Expectations—"How long is your lecture?" "That depends on the audience." "What has the audience to do with it?" "Much. When applause the lecture is two hours long."

Without it I think I can get through in forty minutes.

AN EPIGRAM.

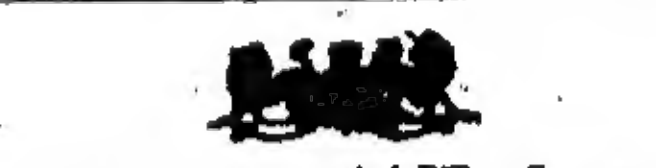
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